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SUBJECT: UNIFIL--ISRAELI POSTION ON IDF WITHDRAWAL JUNE 13

1. UN SOURCE HAS SHOWED US COPY OF SIILASVUO'S REPORT
TO NEW YORK ON HIS MEETING WITH IDF COL. LEVINSON MAY 31
GIVING WEIZMAN'S REPLY REGARDING FINAL IDF WITHDRAWAL. MAIN
PARTS OF WEIZMAN MESSAGE WERE:

(A) MAJOR HADDAD IS LEGITIMATE GOL REP IN SOUTHERN LEBANON
AND UNIFIL DEPLOYMENT MUST BE NEGOTIATED BETWEEN UNIFIL
AND HADDAD;

(B) UNIFIL DEPLOYMENT INTO BUFFER ZONE INCLUDING CHRISTINA
ENCLAVES CANNOT COMMENCE BEFORE IDF WITHDRAWAL JUNE 13;

(C) UNIFILIL MAY CONTINUE TO OCCUPY FIVE UNTSO OP'S;

(D) ISRAEL ATTACHES "GREATEST IMPORTANCE" TO NECESSITY OF
KEEPING INTERNATIONAL BORDER OPEN FOR CIVILIAN TRAFFIC
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AFTER IDF WITHDRAWAL.

2. IN RESPONSE TO SIILASVUO'S QUESTIONS CONCERNING ISRAEL
PRESS STORIES REGARDING ALLEGED UNIFIL COMMITMENTS
ABOUT GOOD FENCE, LEVINSON SAID THIS WAS BASED ON GOI
EXPECTATION THAT, AFTER IDF WITHDREAWAL, UNIFIL WOULD
APPLY, IN ISRAEL-LEBANON BORDER AREA, SAME POLICY OF FREEDOM

OF CIVILIAN TRAFFIC WHICH IT APPLIES IN LITANI RIVER AREA
I.E., UNIFIL WOULD ONLY PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED ARMY PERSONNEL
FROM ENTERING ITS AREA OF OPERATION. SIILASVUO STRESSED
THAT UNIFIL COULD NOT BE INVOLVED WITH THE GOOD FENCE WHICH

IS MATTER FOR GOL DECISION.

3. SIILASVUO EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH GOI SUGGESTION
THAT UNIFIL MUST NEGOTIATE ITS DEPLOYMENT WITH HADDAD AND
REPEATED UN POSITION THAT ISRAEL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDING
OVER TO UNIFIL AREAS WHICH IDF HAD OCCUPIED.

4. COMMENT: UN HEADQUARTERS JERUSALEM FINDS ISRAELI
RESPONSE UNSATISFACTORY. SIILASVUO PLANS TO GO TO BEIRUT
TO BRIEF LEBANESE AS SOON AS FEASIBLE, PROBABLY MONDAY, JUNE 5.
HE WILL TRY TO SEE AL HOSS, BOUTROS AND KHOURY.
AS JUNE 13 APPROACHES, IT WOULD SEEM GOL CANNOT INDEFINITELY
DELAY TAKING SOME DECISIONS RE THE SOUTH. AT
LEAST WHERE HADDAD AND THE GOOD FENCE ARE INVOLVED.
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